

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

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1. (Currently amended) A system for purchasing an interest whose return is related to the performance of in an Entertainment Production, comprising:
 - a transaction server for generating data for a display of an offer to purchase a first registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a second contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the performance of profits made by the Entertainment Production, said transaction server adapted to transmit such data via a network; and
 - a plurality of information appliances, each adapted to receive via the network such data, and further adapted to transmit to the transaction server via the network, a user acceptance of such an offer.
2. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein said data further comprises an electronic link to a display of information regarding an entertainment company.
3. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

4. (Currently amended) A method for purchasing an interest whose return is related to the performance of an Entertainment Production, comprising the steps of:

transmitting from a transaction server via a network data for a display of a offer to purchase a ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the performance of profits made by the Entertainment Production;

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receiving at an information appliance via the network such data and generating a display therefrom;

selecting at the information appliance the offer to purchase the ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest;

transmitting further data to the transaction server via the network; indicating acceptance of the offer to purchase the ~~first~~ registered fixed-price interest, and;

processing at the transaction server the acceptance data.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, and further comprising the steps of:

accessing at the information appliance a display of information regarding an entertainment company via an electronic link.

6. (Original) The method according to Claim 4, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~for transmitting offers to purchase interests, and for receiving acceptances of such offers, where such interests have a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production,~~ comprising:

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transaction server for generating data for the display of an offer to purchase a first registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a second contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the performance of profits made by the Entertainment Production;

said transaction server adapted to transmit such data via a network to a plurality of information appliances, and to receive via the network data indicating an acceptance of the offer to purchase the first registered fixed-price interest.

8. (Currently amended) A method ~~for transmitting offers to purchase interests, and receiving acceptance of such offers, where such interests have a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production,~~ comprising the steps of:

transmitting over a network from a transaction server data for a display of an offer to purchase a first registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a second

contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the performance of profits made by the Entertainment Production, the data for receipt by a plurality of information appliances; and

receiving at the transaction server via the network further data;

indicating an acceptance of the offer to purchase a ~~first~~ the registered fixed-
price interest.

9. (Currently amended) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium ~~for transmitting offers to purchase interests, and receiving acceptances of such offers, where such interests have a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production~~, comprising:

program steps for generating a display that includes information about an Entertainment Production;

said display including data for displaying an offer to purchase a ~~first registered fixed-price~~ interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second~~ contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the performance of profits made by the Entertainment Production.

10. (Currently amended) A computer data signal ~~for transmitting offers to purchase interests, and receiving acceptances of such offers, where such interests have a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production~~, comprising:

a data code signal comprising data for generating a display that includes information about an Entertainment Production;

 said data including data for displaying an offer to purchase a ~~first registered fixed-price~~ interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second contractual~~ interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ the Entertainment Production.

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11. (Currently amended) An apparatus ~~for viewing and accepting an offer to purchase an interest having a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production~~, comprising:

 an information appliance comprising a user-operable input device;
 an output user-interface for enabling a user to perceive information, memory for the storage of programs and data and a processor for the execution of program steps;
 said memory including program steps for generating a display, and
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 including display data received via a network from a transaction server, which display data communicates an offer to purchase, via the output user-interface, a ~~first registered fixed-price~~ interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second contractual~~ interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ the Entertainment Production, and which display data enables the user to accept such

offer via the user-operable input device for transmission via the network to a transaction server.

12. (Currently amended) A method ~~of viewing and accepting an offer to purchase an interest having a return related to the performance of an Entertainment Production~~, comprising the steps of:

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receiving at an information appliance via a network display data that conveys an offer to purchase a first registered fixed-price interest in a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a second contractual interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the performance of profits made by the Entertainment Production;

accepting the offer to purchase the first registered fixed-price interest by interaction with a user-operable input device of the information appliance; and transmitting via the network the acceptance of the offer to purchase the first registered fixed-price interest.

13. (Currently amended) A system for providing entertainment information, comprising:

a transaction server for generating and transmitting to a plurality of information appliances via a network first display data for a first display that displays entertainment company information;

the first display data including a link, which when activated at an

information appliance displaying the first display data, causes the information appliance to receive second display data for a second display that displays an offer to purchase a ~~first registered fixed-price~~ interest in a proportionate share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second contractual~~ interest sold by the entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ an Entertainment Production.

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14. (Currently amended) A method of ~~selling interests~~, comprising the steps of:

creating a plurality of ~~first registered fixed-price~~ interests, each ~~first registered fixed-price~~ interest providing a right to a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to a payout made pursuant to a ~~second contractual~~ interest sold by an entertainment company, where such payout is related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ an Entertainment Production;

offering for sale such ~~first registered fixed-price~~ interests over a network.

15. (Currently amended) A method of financing an Entertainment Production by an entertainment company, comprising the steps of:

marketing a ~~second contractual~~ interest that provides a payout related to the ~~performance of profits made by~~ an Entertainment Production;

said ~~second contractual~~ interest for use in connection with a financial structure for financing payments to be made under a plurality of ~~first registered fixed-price~~

interests, each such first registered fixed-price interest providing a right to a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to the payout made pursuant to the second contractual interest sold by the entertainment company.

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16. (Currently amended) A method of financing an Entertainment

Production by an entertainment company, comprising:

marketing a second contractual interest that provides a payout related to the performance of profits made by an Entertainment Production;

said second contractual interest for use in connection with a financial structure for financing payments to be made under a plurality of first registered fixed-price interests to be marketed over a network utilizing data processing equipment, each such first registered fixed-price interest providing a right to a share of the proceeds received by an intermediary, such proceeds being related to the payout made pursuant to the second contractual interest sold by the entertainment company.